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Academy Instructors: Certified Correctional Trainers

By: Lisa Hughes-Scott

As of September 2010 there are seven Certified Correctional Trainers in the United States; three belong to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. They are Lisa Hughes-Scott, Christopher Montjoy and Roy Rogers of the Jail Training program.

The Correctional Trainer Certification Commission (CTCC), the Inter-

tional Association of Correctional Training Personnel (IACTP), and the Ameri-

can Jail Association (AJA) promote the concept of voluntary certification for all correctional trainers. Certification is one part of a process called credentialing. It focuses specifically on the individual and is an indication of current competency in a specialized field. Correctional trainers who become certified will be distinguished as individuals who have reached one



(Left to Right:) Roy Rogers, Lisa Hughes-Scott, and Chris Montjoy

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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

The developments at the Academy are moving along at a rapid pace and the staff is working at breakneck speed to keep up. The Village is approximately fifty percent complete with all of the structures in place and detail

work on the inside has begun. It is anticipated that we may be complete and ready to occupy by next spring. We are trying not to rush the contractor too much because we want everything done right the first time. We are also

nearing completion on renovation of the second story wrap which has been completely refurbished to create office space for the Advanced Training staff and the Media Support Unit. We have also contracted with a company



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of the highest levels of achievement in their field.

In order to qualify to take the 125 question exam candidates have to

submit a twenty to thirty minute video of actual classroom instruction, work experience, and current certifications. All material submitted is evaluated by a committee who decides if the

candidate is eligible to take the exam. The examination covers Facilitating Learning Environment/ Equipment/Technology, Professional Issues and Communications.

Director's Message Continued

from Lexington County to put a much needed new roof on the J.P. Strom Building, which will begin this year. I am really thankful for the Capital Projects Team, John Mincy, Russell Long, Arnold Corn and Elizabeth McDermott for the tremendous



Village In Progress (Left to Right)
Gym, Four Story Dorm, Classroom Building, and a Kitchen/Dining Facility

beat. We have added two new instructors to our staff, Mike Baker from Columbia Police Department and Dr. D'Michelle Dupree, Clinical Pathologist and former Director of Criminal Justice Programs at ITT Technical College. We are very pleased to have them on board and we feel they will add

job they are doing for us. I can rely on them to be on top of things and insure that we stay within budget.

The Training Division has given me the first draft of the proposed twelve week curriculum and it looks to be a huge advance in our ability to improve our basic training program. We will be including a much more practical approach to the basic training program with a great deal more hands on components. We are continuing to develop our website so that we can provide training on demand to law enforcement subscribers. We have hired an experienced Webmaster, Beverley Herbert who is providing us with the technical insight we were lacking and we are pleased with the progress he has made so far. Hal

Volin and Monica Yarborough from the Media Support Unit are working on the development of training modules which can be presented at role calls or shift change simply by going online to our website and selecting from a list of training titles. We hope to have all of this operational sometime next year. Our library will also undergo a transformation under the direction of our Librarian Nina Brunet which will allow the students and the field to access law enforcement related material from our website.

I cannot praise our staff enough for the diligence and expertise they have exhibited over the past two years. They have adapted to doing much, much more with a great deal less and they have not missed a

a fresh perspective to our training venue.

As with all things in life, change is inevitable. We are experiencing change through design and through necessity. We must first renew our dedication to our mission, to provide the best law enforcement training possible as mandated by our legislature, and to maintain and improve on the standards established by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The credit for the improvements here at the Academy belongs to them and the guidance they provide. I know they have been supportive and wise in their direction and the entire law enforcement community will benefit from the work that they are doing. This is your Academy.

Kara Robinson: Director's Courage Award

By: Florence McCants



On June 24, 2002, Kara Robinson was abducted from the front yard of a friend's home in West Columbia. She was transported to an apartment off Broad River Road in a plastic container. For eighteen hours, Kara was assaulted and kept in bondage. Once Kara's attacker went to sleep, she was able to escape.

Kara fled the apartment and sought the help of a male bystander who drove her to the Richland County Sheriff's Department Region Four Headquarters. Kara gave investigators a very detailed account of what she experienced and what the suspect looked like. That information led investigators to the suspect's apartment located on Zimalcrest Drive, where they located incriminating evidence that would later connect the suspect to three Virginia murders. Investigators received information that the suspect was in a hotel in Orangeburg, South Carolina. When investigators arrived at the hotel, the suspect had already fled the scene. Investigators later got information that the suspect, identified as Richard Marc Evonitz, committed suicide in Sarasota, Florida.

After enduring an ordeal such as this, many may not find the courage to go on, but Kara did. She not only found the strength to survive, she found the strength to live and decided she wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement.

On Friday, August 20, 2010, Kara Robinson with the Richland County Sheriff's Department graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy, Basic Law Class 557, and was presented the Director's Courage Award for her outstanding courage and achievement.

Motorcycle Collision Reconstruction

By: Dale Smith

The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy has taught the Motorcycle Collision Reconstruction Class for the first time in its history. The class is designed to help officers understand the complexities of motorcycles and provide them the expertise to reconstruct these type collisions. As a part of the class the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy performs live crash testing to help the students understand the dynamics involved in a motorcycle collision. This unique feature of the class provides officers the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom. South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy is the only education provider that incorporates live crash testing into its Collision Investigation classes.



JP Strom Winners July-September 2010



BLE 555

Joseph E. Ryan

Richland County Sheriff's Department



BLE 557

Keith R. Williamson

Columbia Police Department



BLE 558

Matthew J. Beach

Rock Hill Police Department

Bert Friday Award Winners July-September 2010



BJ 294

Anna J. Orr

Anderson County Detention Center



BJ 295

Nastassjah S. Cunningham

Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B560 August 23-October 22, 2010
 B561 September 13-November 12, 2010
 B562 October 4-December 10, 2010
 B563 October 25-January 7, 2011
 B564 November 15-January 28, 2011
 B565 December 13-February 18, 2011
 B566 January 10-March 11, 2011
 B567 January 31-April 1, 2011

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 296 September 27-October 15, 2010
 BJ 297 October 25-November 12, 2010
 BJ 298 November 29-December 17, 2010
 BJ 299 January 3-21, 2011

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTCO 151 October 4-14, 2010
 BTCO 152 October 25-November 5, 2010
 BTCO 153 January 10-21, 2011

Advanced Class Information

Fingerprint Recognition & Comparison	October 11-15, 2010	Driving Instructor School	November 1-4, 2010
Basic Detective	February 14-25, 2011	Firearms Instructor School	November 1-4, 2010
Narcotics Undercover Tech	October 25-29, 2010	Precision Rifle (Sniper)	November 8-10, 2010
Officer Survival (Train the Trainer)	November 16-19, 2010		December 6-8, 2010
Crime Scene for Patrol Officers	November 30-December 2, 2010	Defensive Tactics Instructor Recert	January 10-14, 2011
Basic SRO	December 13-17, 2010	Ground Defense Instructor	November 15-18, 2010
Advanced SRO	October 11-15, 2010	Motorcycle Collision Reconstruction	October 4-8, 2010
	January 3-7, 2011	SFST Practitioner	November 15-18, 2010
Juvenile Specifics	October 20, 2010	SFST Recertification	October 29, 2010
	November 17, 2010	Safe and Legal Traffic Stops	October 29, 2010
Basic Instructor Development	October 18-29, 2010	Speed Measurement Device Operator	May 10-12, 2011
	November 29-December 10, 2010	DMT Certification	October 26, 27 & 28, 2010
Training Manager Development	December 13-17, 2010		November 2, 3 & 4, 2010
Mid-Level Management	November 17-18, 2010		November 30, 2010
Line Level Supervision	December 20-23, 2010		December 1 & 2, 2010
Coroner's School	January 3-7, 2011		December 14, 15 & 16, 2010
Human Trafficking	October 21, 2010		January 4, 5 & 6, 2011
	November 2, 2010	DRE-Instructor	October 7-8, 2010
	January 6, 2011	DRE-Pre-School	October 11-12, 2010
		DRE School	October 13-21, 2010

School Supply Drive

During the weeks of August 9-27, 2010, the Academy's Help and Wellness Committee sponsored a school supply drive. Our goal was to fill a van with school supplies. Although we didn't fill the van we did fill Director Harrell's Tahoe. On August 30, 2010, the school supplies were donated and delivered to Burton-Pack Elementary School in Richland School District 1. The staff at the school was overjoyed with the donation. Thanks to all that participated.



Pictured above are those who delivered the school supplies from left to right, Cheryl Beard, Kendra Brown, John Yarborough, Director Harrell, and Wayne Harris. Not pictured : Jeanne Crump

Congratulations Academy Gutsy Gals

On September 25, 2010, four of the Academy's employees, better known as the "Gutsy Gals", completed the 32 obstacle, 4.5 mile, 2010 US Marine Corp Mud Run. Way to go ladies!



(Left to Right) Kendra Brown, Jeanne Crump, Katherine Gunter (front), and Bette Kottmyer

Congratulations Nehemiah McRant



On October 1, 2010, Nehemiah McRant retired after 20 years of loyal service to the Academy. He has been instrumental in overseeing the Academy's Garage and range cars. To his surprise on September 21, 2010, Director Harrell recognized McRant by naming the garage after him. Congratulations!!!

Welcome our New Employees



Mike Baker
Instructor
Police Science Unit



D'Michelle Dupre
Instructor
Police Science Unit



Beverly Herbert
Information Technology